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Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Assigns Proposition Numbers to Two Ballot Measures Certified for the March Primary Election

Invites Public to Submit Ballot Arguments, For or Against Measures, by November 4, 2003

SACRAMENTO—Secretary of State Kevin Shelley assigned proposition numbers today to two measures that will appear on the March 2, 2004 primary election ballot. One of the measures was placed on the ballot by the legislature, and one measure qualified through the petition process.

Shelley also issued an invitation to interested California citizens to submit arguments for or against any of the ballot measures. It should be noted that the titles of the measures may change after the Attorney General prepares the official ballot titles, labels and summaries, which will be available for public examination during the ballot pamphlet public display period, November 18th through December 8th, 2003.

Listed below are the measures (with assigned proposition numbers) that will appear on the March ballot in the order of legislative adoption and initiative qualification:

- Proposition 55 – Kindergarten, University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004
- Proposition 56 – State Budget, Related Taxes, and Reserve. Voting Requirements. Penalties. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Any voter may submit an argument for either side of a legislative measure. Each argument submission must not exceed 500 words and should be typed double-spaced. The deadline to submit ballot arguments is November 4, 2003, by 5:00 pm. The arguments may be hand delivered or faxed to the Secretary of State's Elections Division at (916) 653-3214, however original copies must be received within 72 hours of the deadline. Rebuttals to the arguments are due by November 13, 2003, at 5:00 pm. A maximum of 250 words may be used.

Additional information on argument requirements and specifications should be directed to the Ballot Pamphlet Coordinator at (916) 657-2166.